

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of upgrading the warranty of a computer system including a plurality of components in a configuration, the method comprising:
 - receiving from a requestor a request to upgrade an existing warranty to cover a new configuration of the computer system;
 - detecting, by the computer system, a configuration of the computer system;
 - determining if the configuration of the computer system is different than an original configuration of the computer system;
 - asking, by the computer system, a computer user if a warranty upgrade is desired prior to sending;
 - sending, by the computer system, a warranty upgrade request to a remote warranty processor, the warranty upgrade request including configuration information for field replaceable units (FRUs) in the configuration;
 - determining a price to upgrade the warranty, using factors related to the configuration of the computer system, wherein one or more of the said factors are selected from the group consisting of: field replaceable units in the configuration, warranty time remaining, reliability of components in the configuration, age of components in the configuration and replacement cost of components in the configuration;
 - communicating the price to upgrade the warranty to the requestor; and
 - sending a warranty authorization to the computer system after acceptance of price to upgrade the warranty, wherein the warranty authorization includes a unique identification number of the computer system.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - receiving, by the computer system, the price to upgrade the warranty.
3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving, by the computer system, a warranty authorization including a warranted configuration describing the configuration to be warranted.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving, by the computer system, a digitally signed warranty authorizing including a warranted configuration describing the configuration to be warranted.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3_1 wherein the warranty authorization includes warranty type information.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3_1 wherein the warranty authorization includes warranty duration information.
8. (Canceled).
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
authenticating, by the computer system, a digitally signed warranty authorization.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
comparing, by the computer system, a warranted configuration in a warranty authorization with the configuration of the computer system, and storing the warranty authorization in secure storage if the warranted configuration matches the configuration of the computer system.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8_1 wherein a secure processor in the computer system performs the comparing and storing.
- 12.-29. (Canceled).